



Pest Detection and Management Programs

Plant Protection and Quarantine

Weekly Notice, May 9, 2005

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<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ep/reports/>

Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB)

New Jersey

Middlesex/Union Counties ALB Infestation

As of May 11, 4,515 trees have been removed from the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine area. Of those, 507 were infested host trees and 4,008 were high risk exposed host trees. Crews continued removing trees this week in areas of Woodbridge and Carteret. To date a total of 17,020 trees have been inspected.

During the week of May 16, program personnel continue to make preparations for tree treatments in the Middlesex/Union Counties ALB quarantine area. Treatments are slated to start during this week with approximately 20,000 trees will be treated with the insecticide imidacloprid. The insecticide will be injected into the tree's trunk or into the soil surrounding the tree.

During the week of May 16, New Jersey State Forestry and Parks Division continued replanting trees in the Middlesex/Union county infestation area. To date their landscaping contractor has planted 328 non-host trees in the West Carteret and Woodbridge area of the removal zone. A total of 700 trees will be planted this spring.

Jersey City/Hoboken ALB Infestation

Four program personnel continue to perform survey and regulatory activities in the Jersey City/Hoboken ALB quarantine area. To date 917 host trees were surveyed with no signs of ALB.

New York

Central Park

On May 11, Adrian Benepe, Commissioner, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, held a press conference concerning the removal of the two ALB infested trees found in Central Park. The following media attended the press event: WABC TV, WNBC TV, WCBS TV, WB Channel 11, CBS News Radio, 1010 News Radio, NY1 Cable News Network, ZDF German News TV, New York Daily News, New York Post, New York Times, Newsday and AP Wire Service. The AP story was picked up nation-wide running in newspapers like the Washington Post and LA Times

The Press Conference was opened by Commissioner Benepe who talked about the ALB Program in NY and the need to eradicate this pest. He thanked the USDA and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for all their hard work. He talked about the need for public support and continued funding for the program.

ILLINOIS

As of May 7, a total of 51,226 trees have been surveyed for the year with no signs of ALB infestations.

As of May 7, a total of 3,622 trees have been treated around Chicago's Oz Park.



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The 2005 APHIS-PPQ Eastern Region State Plant Health Directors Meeting was held in Chicago May 10-12. During the meeting, participants were given an detailed presentation on the ALB Cooperative Eradication Program in Illinois by the Chicago ALB staff.

Source: Matt Royer

Soybean Rust

A weekly National Soybean Rust Conference Call for various stakeholders was convened May 8, 2005, at 1:00 PM. Another national stakeholder conference call is planned for May 25, 2005, at 1 PM. Approximately 30 participants representing USDA, academia, and industry were present on the call

Source: Matt Royer
